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Mr. M. Michael Sharlot
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Washington, D. C. 20525

Dear Mr. Sharlot:

Mr. Houston and I appreciated the opportunity to talk with you and Mr. Steinberg. It was most useful.

We believe that we can accept in principle the restriction on employment and assignment set forth in Mr. Vaughn's memorandum of 20 March 1968. Our discussion clarified the issue of the Trainee who never actually is assigned to the country for which he was trained. From the point of view of identification to host country nationals, he is nearly as sensitive as the Volunteer who has served in the country. The principle of identification with the Corps, without regard to the technical or legal relationship, as we discussed it with you, is probably the best single rule we could use.

The perpetuity of "never" as used in the fourth paragraph of the memorandum and implied in the seventh paragraph is questionable, though generally our own practice would cause a hard look at any such proposed assignment. Until enough time has elapsed for the employment of any Peace Corps veterans to occur, we won't know whether there is a problem. So is it with the last sentence of your letter. We have agreed to keep book, and though it was accepted that we would not use names, we will review with you from time to time the numbers of former Peace Corps people we have employed and in general terms the nature of the employment. I believe we agreed that it is unlikely the numbers will reach a magnitude of any concern, at least for several years.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Wattles

Robert S. Wattles
Director of Personnel

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